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**I**NDICATIONS emerged that the number of dead at the recently collapsed building at Bola Street, Ebute-Metta may have risen to about 100 as some of the residents were missing as at yesterday.

They are believed to have been buried deep in the rubble as efforts to trace their whereabouts by relatives have not yielded result.

Our correspondent who visited the scene on Friday observed that relatives of the residents of the collapsed building have been thronging the place in search of their loved ones still missing. One of the relatives who spoke to Observer at the scene noted that he had been searching for his elder brother and three other members of their family whose whereabouts was still yet unknown.

The source who only identified himself as Emmanuel from Anambra State revealed to our correspondent that his brother, Chuks, his wife and two children were still missing,

adding that efforts to trace them have not yielded any positive result.

According to him, "I had contacted our relatives in Lagos and at Anambra to know whether brother Chuks and his family are with them, but the responses are No. So what I am still waiting for like relatives of other missing residents is to see if their dead bodies can be recovered so that we can bury their remains."

Another source who also came to look for her relatives among the residents ruled out the possibility of survivors, saying that any of the residents whose whereabouts is not known by now should be considered dead.

He was of the opinion that when four-storey building with over 160 people residing collapsed at that period of time in the evening, "almost every members of their respective families would have returned home and we are having about 18 persons brought out alive with 22 others not at home, what do you expect to have happened to the rest when we can not trace them."

It would be recalled that the collapsed building contained 36 mini-flats with the average of six persons per flat. However, rescue teams comprises of Red Cross officials, Lagos State Ambulance Service officials, Julius Berger men and others were still seen working vertically to recover more bodies.

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Obasanjo's scheduled of Plateau State yesterday postponement, according to to the President on Media Oyo, was due to pressing